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**Subject:** Re: SSFL Tech. Stakeholder meeting, March 9, 10-1pm  
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Dear Nicole,

I came to you last year at the EPA meeting in Simi Valley. I told you and Craig Cooper that the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) was an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles under the City Charter and that I was a representative of the West Hills Neighborhood Council. I was told by Craig that you thought that we were a "grass roots group like an HOA". I did not have my business cards yet - they took almost a year to get. Joanne Yvanek - Garb had her card with her and we showed you and Craig Cooper that the Seal of Los Angeles was on that card. Yes, we represent West Hills. We told you that we represent close to 50,000 residents under the City Charter.

Joanne has been on the WHNC more than two years. I have been on the WHNC for about a year and a half. Alec Uzemeck has only been on the WHNC for less than a year.

I have been involved with Santa Susana for 3 1/2 years. I was the one that brought the Town Hall on the Santa Susana Field Lab to the EPA with the permission of my WHNC Board. Joanne and I were to be the Cochairs of the Town Hall. The Town Hall was being planned outside of the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee of the West Hills Neighborhood Council because we wanted to to have a balanced Town Hall - with elected officials, agency leaders, Responsible Parties giving that presentation. We wanted to bring in consultants such as the EPA TASC. The EPA had agreed to participate in this Town Hall.

It is a disservice to the West Hills Neighborhood Council for the EPA to say that you are meeting with your stakeholders every six weeks when the WHNC is one of your primary stakeholders. We represent the community of West Hills, and we take the issues to our elected officials.

I would like the EPA to please include the WHNC members that are copied here to all of the EPA meetings please. Prior to your request, you have excluded representation at these meetings of anyone from the West Hills Neighborhood Council.

I am sorry if our presence will slow down your discussion. But we should have been included in the discussion from the beginning.

The first time that I met you, you said to me - you are the one that knows Dawn Richmond. And yes, I had worked very hard with Dawn to make this site qualify as a potential Superfund site.

I requested at the last Workgroup to be included in the meetings. I sent my formal

request to be included in this process to David Cooper when the letters came out. This is also why the EPA came to my home - because I was already known to be an active stakeholder.

I have asked the EPA for the TASC group to come to the WHNC. Our Board took a formal vote on that issue and sent a letter to the EPA. I personally received a letter back declining that request for TASC.

When we attend meetings, we are there as West Hills Neighborhood Council members. But unless we have a motion or letter from our Board on a particular topic, we are speaking on our own behalf - but as representatives of the West Hills Neighborhood Council.

Other members of the WHNC have attended EPA meetings. Walter Perfect, Joanne Yvanek - Garb, and I were at the TASC meeting last summer.

Charlene Rothstein, Jacquie Young, Alec Uzemeck, and I were at the last Workgroup meeting.

I have only missed one Workgroup meeting and one EPA meeting in three and a half years.

Last year I was the Acting Chair of the SSMAC committee of the WHNC from March to June. Agencies attended these meetings including the DOE, NASA, and DTSC. I was also the ELECTED Vice Chair of SSMAC last Spring.

I planned the meeting on the Consent Order for the WHNC which was attended by the DTSC (Rick Brausch and Susan Callery), DOE (Thomas Johnson and Stephanie Jennings and others), and Boeing (Thomas Gallagher and others).

Therefore, if I have this authority by the President of the West Hills Neighborhood Council to make these contacts and plan these events, I do not understand why the EPA is the one agency that excludes me and other WHNC members from the discussion.

I have run this letter by the President of our Board. He has stated that no one individual from the WHNC has a right to represent the WHNC more than any other.

Therefore, I do hope that you will send an invitation to all of the WHNC Board members that have been copied here so that they will be included in these meetings.

And I want to conclude that I have had many discussions with Gregg Dempsey in the past. He has stated that he never opposed my inclusion in these meetings, and in fact he had offered to invite me to one of the Background site samplings.

The WHNC will always be behind the curve if it is not invited to all technical meetings. This is what delayed the DTSC meetings - they had to start over to be inclusive.

Thank you for including the WHNC in your technical meetings. I look forward to an invitation for future meetings.

Sincerely,

*Chris Rowe*

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On Thu, Feb 11, 2010 at 3:10 PM, <[Moutoux.Nicole@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Moutoux.Nicole@epamail.epa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Chris,

The technical stakeholder meetings that EPA has held and will continue to hold in support of EPA's radiological studies are not public meetings like the ones DTSC has been holding for the chemical background study. The members of the public that currently attend our meetings have requested to attend in order to represent various interested groups around SSFL.

John Luker and Alec Uzemeck recently requested in writing to be included in the group. John is representing the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association. Alec stated to EPA that he would represent the West Hills residents as stated in the Los Angeles Charter.

As you know, EPA must abide by a very aggressive schedule in order to complete our work by September 2011 as required by DOE when they gave EPA funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. EPA has decided to have streamlined technical stakeholder meetings in order to meet our schedule demands and still get initial input from community representatives. EPA will continue to hold public meetings to obtain input from the entire community as we did last year. We also continue to post workplans, presentations, reports, and other documents on our SSFL website (<http://www.epa.gov/region09/SantaSusana>).

Our intention is not to exclude anyone, but rather to ensure that interested groups are represented while still maintaining a manageable group. As stated above, our understanding from Alec is that will represent the West Hills residents by obtaining their input at your regularly held meetings. In addition, you are welcome to send any comments or thoughts on our documents posted on the website directly to Craig, Mary or myself.

Craig Cooper and I will call you to discuss this further at 3:30 today.

Thanks,  
Nicole

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Nicole,

I would like to know why I have been excluded from these meetings for a year and a half. And I would like to know why you are allowing others - like John Luker and Alec Uzemeck to attend when I have been the most actively involved member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council in the Santa Susana Site.

Thank you.

*Chris Rowe*  
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Hi all-

As was decided at the last stakeholder meeting, EPA will hold its next technical stakeholder meeting for EPA's radiological studies on Tuesday, March 9 from 10-1pm at the Radisson Hotel in Chatsworth. Below is a draft agenda and address for the Radisson. A more detailed agenda and meeting reminder

will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

Thanks,

Nicole

EPA Technical Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 10-1pm

Radisson Hotel

9777 Topanga Canyon

Chatsworth

Draft Agenda:

1. Radiological Background Study
  - Laboratory Update
  - Data Validation
  - Schedule
2. Water Testing
  - Goals and Objectives of Study - group discussion
  - Coordination with DTSC
  - Schedule
3. Gamma Scanning Update
4. Historical Site Assessment Update
5. Overall Schedule
6. Next meeting date

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